Induction of RTP employees into Regular service

374. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thousands of employees had been inducted into regular service in the Postal and Telecom Departments after having served as Reserved Trained Pool (RTP) employee for years together;

(b) if so, whether Government would come forward to include the service rendered as RTP in the regular services; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The service rendered as Reserved Trained Pool cannot be treated as regular service, because they were engaged on hourly basis intermitently.

Maintenance of telephone services in Rural areas of Gujarat

375. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued directions for maintenance of telephone lines and telephone services in the rural and backward areas of Gujarat during 1994-95;

(b) if so, what steps have been taken in this regard;

(c) whether Government have received representations from any part of the State in this regard, and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action being taken by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir ,there are existing guidelines for maintenance of all the telephone lines and telephone services in the rural and backward areas. Efforts are being made through implementation of the successive annual plans to upgrade the existing facilities by incorporating new technologies subject to availability of resources.

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. A number of complaints regarding poor performance of village public telephones had been received. The following action is being taken.

(i) Replacement of all the faulty Multi Access Radio Relay equipments.

(ii) Replacement of faulty battery sets and initiating action for provision of Solar panels at places where these have not been provided earlier.

(iii) Reliable transmission media is being inducted in the rural areas.

Delay in telephone connections in Gujarat

376. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of such cases in Gujarat where telephone connections have been sanctioned and O.B. numbers issued, but connections have not been given so far;

(b) what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) the time by when these cases are likely to be cleared?